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SUBJECT: U.S.-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS: DISCUSSION WITH BITSIOS

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1. AT ONE POINT IN MY MEETING LAST NIGHT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS (SEPTELS) I ASKED HIM WHAT HIS CURRENT THOUGHTS WERE ON RESUMING OUR BILATERAL BASE NEGOTIATIONS. BITSIOS SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM ALEXANDRAKIS INFORMING HIM THAT U.S. AUTHORITIES WERE MAKING AN OVERALL STUDY AND REVIEW OF THIS SUBJECT AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE GOG AGAIN LATER CONCERNING THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. BITSIOS SAID THIS WAS ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY TO THE GOG. HE SAID THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WAS IN NO HURRY AT ALL TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS AND INDEED SAW CONSIDERABLE ADVANTAGE IN WAITING FOR AWHILE TO LET OTHER MAJOR QUESTIONS IN THE AREA BE SORTED OUT BEFORE DECIDING WHEN AND HOW TO TAKE UP THIS SUBJECT AGAIN. HE INDICATED THAT THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL PRESSURES IN GREECE TO CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE QUIESCENT AT PRESENT AND THEREFORE THE GOG INTENDED TO TAKE NO ACTION ON THIS SUBJECT UNTIL THEY HEARD FURTHER FROM US.
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